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SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Before examination of the application, Applicant respectfully requests that the application be further amended as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1 and 3 as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) A spill containment system for containing a hazardous spilled substance from a battery, the spill containment system comprising:
a containment rail system to define an area for housing at least one battery;
a liner for placement in the area defined by the containment rail system, the liner being resistant to damage from the spilled substance; and
a material for placement in the area of the containment rail system, the material to chemically neutralize the spilled substance from the battery so that the hazardous nature of the spilled substance to humans or material structures is reduced.

3. (Twice Amended) The spill containment system of claim 1 wherein the containment rail system is coated with polyvinylchloride.

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